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**COUNTRY: JORDAN/SAUDI ARABIA/UAR/SYRIA**

**DOI: 7 DECEMBER 1966**

**SUBJECT: ACTIVITIES AND OPINIONS OF HAJ AMIN HUSAYNI,  
FORMER MUFTI OF JERUSALEM**

**ACQ: JORDAN, AMMAN (13 DECEMBER 1966) FIELD NO. NJA-6689**

**SOURCE: A JORDANIAN BUSINESSMAN FROM A WELL-KNOWN WEST BANK FAMILY. ~~HE~~ IS A RELATIVELY NEW SOURCE NOT FULLY TESTED. HIS REPORTING ON A VARIETY OF SUBJECTS HAS BEEN FAIRLY RELIABLE AND HE IS BELIEVED TO HAVE ENJOYED A RELATIONSHIP OF TRUST WITH HAJ AMIN HUSAYNI IN THE PAST. SOURCE TALKED WITH HAJ AMIN HUSAYNI IN BEIRUT.**

1. HAJ AMIN HUSAYNI IS CURRENTLY ATTEMPTING TO COUNTER THE ACTIVITIES OF AHMAD SHUQAYRI AND THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION (PLO) THROUGHOUT THE LEVANT AND ARAB PENINSULA. HUSAYNI WILL CONCENTRATE MUCH OF HIS EFFORT AMONG PALESTINIANS ON THE WEST BANK OF JORDAN.

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2. HUSAYNI PLANNED TO LEAVE BEIRUT ON 8 DECEMBER 1966 FOR SAUDI ARABIA IN ORDER TO MEET THE PRIME MINISTER OF SUDAN AND TO DISCUSS WITH KING FAYSAL THE VISITS OF THE PRIME MINISTERS OF SUDAN AND NIGERIA TO SAUDI ARABIA.
3. HUSAYNI RECENTLY RECEIVED A LARGE SUM OF MONEY FROM SAUDI ARABIA. HE IS COOPERATING WITH SAUDI ARABIA AND BRITISH INTELLIGENCE AND IS IN CONTACT WITH SOME OFFICIALS IN THE JORDANIAN GOVERNMENT.
4. HUSAYNI INTENDS THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS WITH RESPECT TO JORDAN:
- A. TO PLACE THE BLAME FOR RECENT RIOTING IN JORDAN UPON THE MACHINATIONS OF A JOINT CONSPIRACY AMONG THE UAR, SYRIA, THE PLO AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES. (FIELD COMMENT: SOURCE COULD NOT SAY WHETHER INCLUSION BY HUSAYNI OF THE UNITED STATES IN THE CONSPIRACY ORIGINATED WITH HUSAYNI WHO IS STRONGLY ANTI-AMERICAN. IT IS THE OPINION OF SOURCE THAT KING FAYSAL AND BRITISH INTELLIGENCE MUST BE AWARE OF HUSAYNI'S INTENTION TO PLACE BLAME ON THE UNITED STATES. SOURCE SAID HUSAYNI MENTIONED NEWS ARTICLES IN THE ARAB PRESS ALLEGING THAT A SECOND SECRETARY<sup>IN</sup> AT THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN AMMAN

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HELPED INSTIGATE RIOTS ON JORDAN'S WEST BANK AS AN EXAMPLE OF UNITED STATES INVOLVEMENT IN A CONSPIRACY AGAINST JORDAN.)

B. TO SUPPORT JORDANIAN PRIME MINISTER WASFI TAL'S FUTURE CONTINUATION IN OFFICE BY EVERY POSSIBLE MEANS. (SOURCE COMMENT: HUSAYNI CLAIMED THAT "THE BRITISH" HAD ADVISED THE SAUDI GOVERNMENT TO SUPPORT PRIME MINISTER TAL IN THEIR DISCUSSIONS WITH JORDANIAN OFFICIALS. HOWEVER, IT IS PROBLEMATIC WHETHER SAUDI SUPPORT WILL RESULT IN ANY REAL BENEFIT TO TAL.)

C. TO UTILIZE HUSAYNI'S FOLLOWERS TO ATTACK THE MAYORS AND THE PRESENT CIVIL ADMINISTRATIONS OF JERUSALEM AND BETHLEHEM, BOTH OF WHICH HAVE BEEN SOFT TOWARD THE DEMONSTRATORS. (SOURCE COMMENT: HUSAYNI CLAIMED TO HAVE ALREADY INSTIGATED SMALL DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST THE ADMINISTRATION OF THESE TWO CITIES.)

5. HUSAYNI CONFIDED THAT HE HAD BEEN IN CLOSE CONTACT IN BEIRUT WITH THE LEADER OF A NEW COUP D'ETAT IN SYRIA PLANNED TO TAKE PLACE BEFORE THE END OF FEBRUARY 1967. ACCORDING TO HUSAYNI, SHOULD THE COUP SUCCEED, SYRIA WILL FOLLOW AN ANTI-UAR, ANTI-UNITED STATES POLICY WHICH WILL NOT BE DETRIMENTAL TO JORDAN OR SAUDI ARABIA.

6. THE FORMER MUFTI SAID THAT AS A RESULT OF A PRESS

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CONFERENCE HE GAVE IN BEIRUT ACCUSING SYRIA, THE UAR, AND THE UNITED STATES OF A JOINT CONSPIRACY, THE UAR CLOSED HIS OFFICE IN CAIRO JUST BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF DECEMBER 1966 AND THAT HE EXPECTED HIS OFFICE IN DAMASCUS TO BE CLOSED SHORTLY.

7. HUSAYNI STATED THAT SYRIA WAS REPUTED TO BE SENDING ASSASSINATION TEAMS INTO JORDAN. HUSAYNI BELIEVED THAT UAR INTELLIGENCE AND THE PLO WOULD ALSO SHORTLY DISPATCH SUCH TEAMS TO JORDAN BUT THAT THEIR TARGETS WOULD BE ANTI-SHUGAYRI PALESTINIANS RATHER THAN JORDANIAN GOVERNMENT LEADERS. HUSAYNI CLAIMED THAT WHILE THE PLO HAD PAID MONEY TO FATAH MEMBERS TO GAIN THEIR CO-OPERATION, THE FATAH LEADERSHIP CONTINUED TO TAKE ITS ORDERS FROM SYRIANS WHO WERE NOT PRO-SHUGAYRI. HUSAYNI CLAIMED THAT SHUGAYRI HAD LOST CONTROL OF THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ARMY (PLA) UNITS IN SYRIA AND NEEDED SYRIAN GOVERNMENT PERMISSION TO VISIT PLA CAMPS IN THAT COUNTRY. HUSAYNI STATED THAT THE UAR AND THE PLO HAD BEEN FORCED TO RECRUIT TERRORISTS FROM AMONG THE FORMER MEMBERSHIP OF THE FEDAYYIN.

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